

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 590

March 17, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) to develop protocols for the medical profession, schools, public venues, workplaces, and other relevant stakeholders, so that multiple chemical sensitivity might be recognized and appropriate responses developed to assist persons affected by these sensitivities. In development of such protocols, the Commissioner is required to consult with public health organizations, the medical community, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Department of General Services, and other relevant stakeholders.

Urges the Commissioner of the DOH to post such protocols on the department's website by December 31, 2016. Further urges the Commissioner to annually review and revise such protocols.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,400/One-Time
\$103,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to the DOH, the Department does not currently have the expertise to implement the requirements of this legislation and would require one new physician to evaluate the scientific evidence around the topic of multiple chemical sensitivity, implement protocols to assist those affected by such sensitivity, and provide technical assistance and consultation to health care professionals and the public.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$4,400 (office furniture \$2,700 + computer/printer \$1,700).
- A recurring increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$102,963 (salary \$76,800 + benefits \$23,963 + communications/network costs \$1,600 + supplies \$600).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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